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Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2003, due on or before August 21, 2003. Applicants believe that the following amendments and remarks place the case in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the case is in condition for an Interference to be declared between the present application and U.S. Patents 6,110,677 and 6,121,001.